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FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BAY AREA PAINTERS AND TAPERS PENSION FUND, et al.

No. C 06-04626 WHA

Plaintiffs,

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO RELATE CASES

CRYSTAL NICOLE THOMAS, individually and dba CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL PAINTING,

Defendants.

Now pending is a motion to relate the above-entitled action to Case No. C 07-3344 PJH. Civil Local Rule 3-12(a) explains that actions are related when: (1) the "actions concern substantially the same parties, property, transaction or event," and (2) "[i]t appears likely that there will be an unduly burdensome duplication of labor and expense or conflicting results if the cases are conducted before different Judges."

While Case No. C 06-40626 WHA was pending before the undersigned, it was immediately dismissed. No work was done on that case and the undersigned never knew it was on the docket. It is true that a case can be related to another that "is or was pending in this District." Civ. Local R. 3-12(b). But in this instance, no work was done on the lowest-numbered case and because of that it is not related. Relating these cases to the undersigned would in no way avoid a duplication of labor and expense or lead to conflicting results. The motion to relate cases is **DENIED**.

Dated: July 12, 2007

WILLIAM ALSUP UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE